

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action of August 13, 2004. Reconsideration of the application and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2, for reciting that the locking member exists in an "elongated form." Applicant has canceled this language from the claim to obviate this rejection.

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for determining that claim 2 would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations of claim 1. Applicant has therefore presented new claim 3 which includes those limitations of original claims 1 and 2 as required to distinguish over the prior art. New claims 4 through 7 further disclose the invention as recited in claim 3.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takemoto et al. (WO 94/00206) or Bellisario (U.S. Patent No. 4,310,307). Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either Wenegrat (U.S. Patent No. 1,704,415) in view of Sistrunk et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,852), or Linder (U.S. Patent No. 6,135,551) in view of Bellisario.

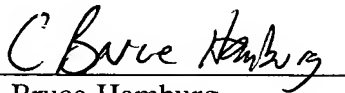
Regarding the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over either Takemoto or Bellisario, Takemoto teaches placing the cable within the seat

structure (see Figures 2 and 3 of Takemoto) and Bellisario fails to teach connecting the cable between a controller and a mechanism for controlling a seat. Accordingly, Applicant has obviated the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by amending claim 1 to recite that the cable has first and second ends, the first end connected to a controller and the second end connected to a mechanism for controlling the position of the seat, and the cable is disposed exterior to the seat.

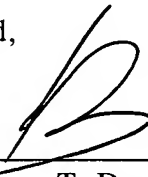
Regarding the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Wenegrat in view of Sistrunk, the above amendment to claim 1 obviates this rejection as neither reference teaches placing the cable exterior to the seat structure and neither reference teaches a mechanism for controlling the position of the seat. Regarding the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Linder in view of Bellisario, the above recommended amendment also obviates this rejection because neither reference teaches a mechanism for controlling the position of a seat.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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